Less-than-ideal weather no deterrent for 'super' A&A Days 2000 crowds



Staff Sgt. Jim Steele
This father-son team got a good view of the flying Saturday in spite of inclement weather. Only one flying act had to be canceled as an estimated 200,000 people attended. An estimated 625,000 people attended A&A Days 2000 during



The Davis-Monthan Air Force Base flightline saw an estimated 425,000 people visit Sunday, as the rain clouds hovered, but did not release their moisture. As Tim Weber, one of several civilian aerobatic performers, said when he go a look at the crowd from the air, "This was one of the longest flightlines of all the shows I perform at, and, wow, there were people everywhere!" The official crowd estimate was 625,000 people for the two days of the airshow

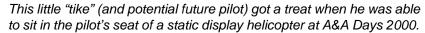


The Thunderbird Diamond formation is silouetted against an overcast sky during one of their Pass In Reviews. The team flew a show for Heroes Day Nov. 3, in addition to their shows Saturday and Sunday.

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The now-retired SR-71, donated for static display by Pima Air and Space Museum, was a favorite of many airshow attendees.